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judgment.      However, over the longer haul, because we're financing this, we would pay on a 30-year loan about \$115 million in interest payments. Or, if we financed over 15 years, we'd pay an extra \$53 million in interest. So we have to weigh all of that. And I'm not...I'm not trying to bad mouth Senator Brashear's idea. I may actually vote for it. I don't know yet. I'm still mulling all this over. But that has to be part of the discussion. Do we want to pay that extra interest on top of the judgment? Senator Beutler has got an interesting idea also, the electric surcharge, and to at least some extent the surcharge might be mitigated, in part, by monies that the nuclear generators in Nebraska would receive as a result of the judgment. Some of the money we're going to pay is going to come back to Nebraska. It's going to come back to the two major generators in our state. And, Senator Beutler, perhaps at a future speaking opportunity you might address that question, see if we have any numbers available to us as to how much of that money will actually come back to Nebraska, and to what extent that might mitigate the electric surcharge. The other component that we ought to address on the electric surcharge, I think Senator Stuthman spoke to this, was the economic development aspect of our lower electricity prices. Believe it or not, there are companies that will deliberately move to Nebraska because our power is cheap here, and I'm not sure we want to sacrifice that. It's a great selling point to our state and I'm concerned that we might give away one of the great attractions that some businesses see in relocating here. The income tax idea has a nice equity component to it. That has some appeal. And, of course, we've got the sales tax idea floating out there as well. Whatever we do, whatever we do, seems to me we must ensure that any funds we collect in the name of this judgment should be locked up so that they're not used to paper over our deficit for the operations of state government. Whatever funds we collect ought to be locked up and used only for that judgment, and if we can do that, I'll vote for one of those poisons. And finally, let's talk about what do we do after we pay the judgment. What we're going to have to do is pay again, because after we've paid that judgment, we haven't buried the first ounce of low-level nuclear waste, so we have to pay again to bury it.